

KARAMI BACK AS LEBANESE P.M.

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh last night withdrew his resignation which he tendered last Sunday at the height of his country's 10-month-old civil warfare.
Karami was reported to have returned to office at the persuasion of Christian President Suleiman Frangieh. Both the president and Karami will this week start work on a new charter which will divide power equally between Christians and Muslims throughout the country. The new charter would replace an unwritten three-decade-old covenant which provided Christians with a six-to-five ratio in the administration.
According to the new charter the Christians, now a 40 per cent minority, would preserve the presidency but would divide powers between the president and the Muslim premier. President Frangieh is scheduled to announce the new charter within a few days, reportedly signalling the emergence of a "second republic" in Lebanon.
In the meantime, state affairs are very much in the hands of a so-called "Lebanese-Syrian-Palestinian supreme committee" policing the Damascus-engineered truce.
A prominent Christian leader, Raymond Edde, who is a presidential aspirant, said in Paris over the weekend that "Lebanon has come under a Syrian mandate." He blamed Christian right-wing leaders for the recent developments in Lebanon.
Other Christian leaders in Beirut, however, accused the Palestine Liberation Organisation of further meddling in their affairs and demanded that the Syrian-Palestinian takeover of security in the PLO, leftist held northern, eastern and southern regions be restored to the Lebanese authorities. The Christian leaders further demanded an immediate withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Army forces which last week penetrated from Syria into Lebanon.
The PLO invasion had been decisive in the PLO's overthrowing of Christian forces as well as the government troops throughout Lebanon except for an enclave embracing the Christian mountain area and Beirut.



Angry Jerusalemite hurls brick at already shattered windshield of Egged bus on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road on Friday. The violence was sparked by Egged buses which drove slowly to snarl street traffic. (Elihu Harari)

Fourth day of bus strike seen as no progress made Cabinet to review situation today

The Egged bus strike goes into its fourth day today with no sign of an end in sight. Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi will review the situation before the regular weekly Cabinet meeting in Jerusalem today, and the Transport Ministry spokesman said that there were no contacts over the weekend between the Minister and the Egged management. Egged's spokesman, however, said earlier that members of the secretariat had seen Ya'acobi.

The Transport Minister himself said the key to the situation was in the hands of the Knesset Finance Committee. It was the committee's action in setting conditions for Egged's request for IL50m. which sparked the strike. There were violent scenes on Friday after bus drivers drove their vehicles through the streets of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa to tie up traffic and the newly formed transport centres. (See Cols. 4-5)

Dan urged to join

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Members of the Dan secretariat will today discuss a request from Egged that its members join the bus strike. The secretariat of the two companies met here yesterday.

It is understood that Dan — which operates in the Dan region — would prefer not to go on strike — but is willing to give Egged "moral support." (Egged and Dan have been holding merger talks during the last few months.)
The Egged secretariat last night decided to organise a demonstration in front of the Knesset this morning.

The Egged spokesman told The Jerusalem Post last night that between 30 and 40 bus drivers were arrested on Friday. They were released on bail, after being charged with disturbing public order.
Spokesman Gideon Talmor confirmed that members of the company's secretariat met Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi over the weekend and information was exchanged.

Replying to a question, the spokesman said the only way to end the strike was for the government to allow "normal operations" by allocating funds and permitting Egged — at this stage — to cut down on unprofitable lines. (According to the Golomb committee report on the operations of Egged, 70 per cent of the lines are not profitable.) Egged also wants the government to enforce the law against "private drivers" — mainly owners of pick-up trucks and commercial vans. Egged claims that about 200,000 passengers a day are si-

phoned away from it in normal times.

A general meeting of members of the Egged cooperative was held at the Cinema here yesterday. The four-hour meeting was stormy, and some members were critical of the secretariat. Many said they were against selling their holdings in Egged subsidiaries.
The secretariat urged members to refrain from violence.
The powerful opposition faction in Egged (it controls 12 of 30 men in the management) has drawn up a petition — said to have been already signed by about 70 per cent of members — opposing the selling of the subsidiaries.
The Minister of Transport met last night with officials of his department to discuss improving the alternative service while the bus stoppage lasts.

Ernie Meyer adds:
Transport Minister Ya'acobi criticized the Egged bus cooperative for its "unreasonable" strike while praising the public for its "exemplary" conduct.
Speaking on television on Friday night, he said that the key to a solution was also in the hands of the Knesset Finance Committee which should reexamine its decision, without, however, changing the basis of the Golomb report recommendations. He criticized the 1967 decision of the Government to allow Egged to transfer ownership shares in Egged subsidiaries to individual members.
Ya'acobi explained that the Government's large infusions of money into Egged last year were dictated by undertakings to the Histadrut not to raise fares. "Egged was entitled to this support in view of the constantly rising operating costs," he said.

The Minister said that the recommendations of the Golomb report should be carried out in full, which in the end would also work to the benefit of Egged members, the value of whose investment would thus be protected.
In reply to a reporter's question, Ya'acobi said that he saw no reason for resigning over the present crisis. "We're going in the right direction," the Ministry has long-range (Continued on page 2, col. 4)

Firing mars truce

SIRUT. — Heavy fighting broke out between Muslim and Christian militias on Beirut's eastern outskirts yesterday, endangering the truce-sponsored truce that had been reported generally effective.
A police spokesman said a peacekeeping force of Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian troops stopped fighting between the Christian militia of Ein Rummaneh and the Muslim neighbourhood of Shiyah. Militiamen of both sides raided the other's positions and the two truces exchanged mortar and rocket fire. Each side claimed it is defending its territory against attacks by the other.

The fighting broke out as PLO forces pulled out of Beirut's eastern outskirts, warning that they would be shot on sight, and occupied a large part of eastern Beirut.
The worst incident of the day was when Muslim and Palestinian forces stormed the fortress residence of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun and set it ablaze. Gunmen looted the villa at Saadiyat, kms. south of Beirut, before firing it to the torch.
The fate of army troops guarding the residence was not immediately known, the spokesman said.
Prior to the outbreak of shooting, a Lebanese military spokesman said only scattered, isolated incidents of violence in the cease-fire. But at least 20 persons were killed and another 22 wounded.

Beirut Airport reopened on Friday for the first time in a week, as the first plane to land carried a team of Syrian Army officers to help supervise the truce.
A six-man commission announced was drawing up a timetable for military disengagement yesterday between Christian and leftist Muslim private armies. A statement of 123 subcommittees beamed up

Fears in S.-W.A., Zambia

PE TOWN. — South Africa intended yesterday that it is prepared to withdraw some of its troops from Angola, where Soviet-led forces are reported to be making steady advances. Some experts believe these forces might be trying to cross into South Africa.
I have on various occasions said that South Africa's involvement in Angola is part of the interest of the free world," Defence Minister Pieter Botha said. "I also stated that South Africa is not prepared to fight on behalf of the free world alone."
Other qualified statements issued in Africa that the government about to announce at least a partial withdrawal of South African troops fighting on the side of the in Angola.
The Cuban-led Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) is reported to be within 10 kms. of Unita's provisional capital of Huambo, formerly Nova Lisboa, in southern-central Angola and to have captured the strategic harbour town of Novo Redondo on the Atlantic coast.
On the northern front, MPLA columns are said to be only a few miles from the Zaire border.
The Johannesburg "Star," in a report from Lusaka, Zambia, reports widespread anxiety among the leadership there at the prospect of a Communist victory in Angola. Zambia is experiencing critical economic difficulties and internal dissension. It is feared that the proximity of a Communist-dominated Angola would stir yet greater political conflict in the country. (AP)

M.E. draft resolution tabled at UN Council

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Six non-aligned members of the UN Security Council have tabled a draft resolution on the Middle East that will be formally introduced tomorrow, but which will certainly be vetoed by the U.S.

Benin (formerly Dahomey), Guyana, Pakistan, Panama, Rumania and Tanzania call for total Israeli withdrawal "from all Arab territories occupied since June 1967," and affirm "that the Palestinian people should be enabled to exercise its inalienable national right of self-determination including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine in accordance with the charter of the United Nations."

The resolution, which can still be modified before tomorrow, also says "that appropriate arrangements should be established to guarantee, in accordance with the charter of the United Nations, the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence within secure and recognised boundaries of all states in the area." This was considered as the clause recognising Israel's right to exist.

The new resolution is a compromise reached after two weeks of controversial debate in the Council. Israel has boycotted the session because of the PLO's participation.

Diplomatic sources at the UN said yesterday that France and Japan would probably support the resolution, as would Sweden and Italy. The sources said that Britain would either join the U.S. in opposing the resolution, or would abstain.

There had been speculation that the Syrians might eventually agree to insert into the resolution some reference to resolution 242 in order to win Britain's support and to isolate America completely by forcing a 14-1 vote. But the PLO refused to include the mention of 242 because the Palestinian problem is referred to only in terms of a "refugee" problem.

There was disappointment among pro-Israeli circles here that Panama and Rumania, two countries with whom Israel maintains relations, had agreed to join as co-sponsors of the resolution. Israeli officials had met with representatives from those two countries prior to the start of the session in an effort to moderate their positions.
Ephraim Eban, the deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, made a special visit to Panama earlier this month to seek its support. But Panamanian officials were said to be under considerable pressure from the Arab and non-aligned bloc to join the pro-Arab bandwagon.

Egged men's actions shatter strike calm

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egged men on Friday, the second day of the bus strike, shattered the almost idyllic atmosphere which had prevailed on Thursday, when the public demonstrated that it can manage for a while without bus service.

From about 1 p.m. Egged escalated its action from a mere suspension of bus service to one of trying to block the "transport centres" set up by the Transport Ministry and of tying up traffic in general.

The public in Jerusalem reacted with unexpected fury. On Jaffa Road, between Rehov King George and Zion Square, Egged drivers attempted to stall 10 buses in order to block traffic through the centre of town. Enraged citizens broke the windows of six of them, sending some of the drivers scuttling for their safety.

One man, coming from the Mahane Yehuda market with two trays full of eggs, tossed most of them at the stalled buses. Some housewives heaved tomatoes at the buses. Youngsters got supplies of stones from the unpaved yard be-

hind the Pillars building and the six buses which remained stalled had not one window or headlight left unbroken.

Three youngsters who smashed bus windows with their bare fists received cuts, which were treated at the nearby Bikur Holim Hospital. They later returned to Jaffa Road showing their bandaged hands — like battle wounds.

A taxi driver, to the applause of the crowd, jumped into one bus and drove it onto the sidewalk, so that traffic could pass.

Apparently expecting trouble, the Egged men on Friday used only older buses, and not new models.
At the Binyanei Ha'oma parking lot "transport centre," things had been quiet all morning. But about 1 p.m. some 20 buses blocked all approaches to the area. Furious discussions ensued between Egged drivers and citizens and the police was finally able to persuade most of the drivers to move their vehicles.

It was clear that the Egged drivers were playing a game with police, moving on from one location as police arrived in force, only to tie up traffic elsewhere. The simultaneous action of Egged men in the three major cities at exactly the same hour, seemed to give the lie to the claim by the Egged management (Continued on page 2, col. 5)



PINHAS LAVON
Pinhas Lavon dies at 71

GEDERA. — Pinhas Lavon, minister in several Israeli cabinets and former secretary-general of the Histadrut, died here at midnight on Friday after a prolonged illness. He was 71.

Considered at one time to be one of the leading ideologists of the Israeli labour movement, Lavon retired from public life five years ago when he was hospitalized with a brain haemorrhage, from which he never recovered.

His coffin will lie in state at 12 noon today at the Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv. At 1 p.m. the funeral cortege will leave the cemetery at Hulda, the kibbutz which Lavon helped found and was his home.

He is survived by his wife Lucy and his brother Zvi. (Appreciation, page 3.) (Itim)

Five die in four accidents

Five persons were killed on Friday and yesterday in four road accidents, two of which occurred near Eilat.

A Swiss volunteer was killed, and two other volunteers were injured, when a car overturned north of Eilat on Friday. It was driven by a 15-year-old boy, who apparently stole it from the Eilat Municipality's treasurer on Thursday, to take advantage of the Egged strike and transport passengers for pay. His four passengers were volunteers who had been waiting for a ride at the Eilat central bus station.

The volunteer killed was Otto Beitz, 26, Kathleen Rosebush, 22, of Colorado, and Anthony van Greik, 20, of California, were injured, as was the driver. The fourth volunteer, Geoffrey Seider, 19, of Johannesburg, escaped uninjured.

A 41-year-old Eilat woman was

killed yesterday when the car in which she was riding overturned south of the city, near Coral Island. Her husband and two daughters were slightly injured. The family asked that her name be withheld.

Two men were killed in a head-on collision between a pickup van and a Prisons Service minibus on Friday on the Gheza Road, near the Ra'anana junction. The dead were the drivers of the two vehicles, while a passenger in one of them was seriously injured. Their names have not been released.

A resident of Hurfeish village near Safad was killed last night when the car he drove collided head-on with a truck near the Megiddo junction. His name has not been released.

800 feared drowned

DACCA. — About 800 fishermen are feared drowned after tidal waves from the Bay of Bengal hit the Bangladesh coast last week.
Press reports said yesterday that 100 fishing boats were swept away by waves near Dhaka, in the Barisal district, details were still awaited. (Reuters)

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE and the Directorate of the Ministry of Defence

mourn the passing of
PINHAS LAVON ז"ל
former Minister of Defence

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL

mourn the death of

PINHAS LAVON ז"ל

former Secretary-General of the Histadrut and one of the founders and architects of the Israeli labour movement.

General Federation of Labour Hava'ad Hapoel

The body will lie in state today, Sunday, January 25, 1976 (Shvat 23, 5736) at Beit Hava'ad Hapoel, Tel Aviv from 12 noon.

The funeral cortege will leave at 1 p.m. today for Kvutzat Hulda.

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Golan 85	5-9	5-11
Nahariya 87	10-17	9-18
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Haifa 86	12-15	10-17
Tiberias 79	10-17	5-13
Nazareth 69	11-13	6-14
Afula 87	12-17	8-13
Shomron 83	6-11	6-12
Tel Aviv 87	12-17	11-18
B-C Airport 87	12-17	11-18
Jericho 65	11-18	11-20
Gaza 71	10-18	11-13
BeerSheva 81	12-15	6-11
Eilat 33	10-21	10-22
Tiran 39	10-21	10-21

Social and Personal

Miriam Eshkol yesterday gave a tea at her home for the 30-member UJA Women's Division Mission led by Fannie Schaefer of Dallas, Texas, and Annette Dobbs of San Francisco, Calif. (Communicated)

The Skat Club of Mt. Carmel has elected J. Fuchs president, P. Lewish vice-president, D. Golan hon. treasurer, J. Hirsch, hon. secretary, W.Z. Salomon membership secretary, J. Cahane programme director, W.R. P.R. officer.

Yosef Tekoah, president of Ben-Gurion University and former Israeli ambassador at the United Nations, will speak at a luncheon given in his honour by the Israel-America Friendship Society in Jerusalem on "Efforts to Settle the Arab-Israeli Conflict." The luncheon will take place on 28th January at 1 o'clock at the President Hotel, Jerusalem. Reservations may be made by telephoning 34898.

BIRTH
LEWINTHAL — To Yael and Danni Lewinthal, a son, grandson to Dr. Joachim and Inge Lewinthal.

ARRIVALS
Rabbi Dr. Israel Porush, former Chief Rabbi of Australia, on a private visit.

British ME commander due
AIR MARSHAL Sir John Aiken, Commander, British Forces Near East, is due today for a four-day visit. He will be meeting Ministers and senior IDF officers, visiting army units and seeing something of the country.

Air Marshal Aiken, who will be accompanied by Lady Aiken, has his headquarters at Episkopi, in Cyprus.

E. Jerusalem man held on drug charge
An East Jerusalem resident was remanded into 12 days' custody on Friday on suspicion of drug trafficking.

The suspect, Ami Jitt, was arrested after he sold three bottles of morphine to an unnamed man. The morphine had been stolen from Hadassah Hospital.

A police representative told the Magistrate's Court that Jitt was suspected of belonging to the gang which carried out a series of break-ins at the hospital last August, when drugs worth IL80,000 were stolen. Further arrests were expected, he added.

MORE ROOM FOR DISADVANTAGED BOYS



Jerusalem's Bayit Vegan section, overlooking the breathtaking panorama of the surrounding Judean Hills, is the scene of bustling building activity. Dwarfed by steeply high cranes, workers transform the stone-straw hillsides into an educational complex for the future citizens of Israel who will come to study at Boys Town Jerusalem.

With an enrolment of 1,200 pupils, Boys Town is one of Israel's largest educational institutions serving ages 12 to 20. They come from 83 different villages, development towns and cities. 80% of the boys are from the Sephardic communities with a background of social problems, crowded home conditions and low family incomes.

Boys Town Jerusalem provides a high level of technical and vocational training with academic and Torah programmes. The range of courses is unusually wide, from computer science to teacher training. The school has four divisions: a junior high school, academic and technical high schools and a College for Practical Engineers.

One of the projects under construction is a new Students' Residence Centre. It comprises a complex of four multi-storey buildings, which will house 1,000 boys and will be a complete youth community, with cultural, medical and leisure facilities. On an adjacent site, the foundations are being laid for another vital project — a recreation centre incorporating a gymnasium, swimming pool and athletic grounds. These will make available all-year-round sports facilities which will also be used by children from the community at large.

A Junior High school building underwritten by the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality is quickly approaching completion, and will provide places for 500 youngsters, almost all of them from deprived neighbourhoods.

With youth problems likely to increase, the additional educational, residential and recreational facilities are vitally needed. 4,000 graduates of Boys Town are already making an outstanding contribution in all walks of Israeli life. The Boys Town Jerusalem development programme will undoubtedly result in a significant addition to Israel's strength in the future. (Communicated)

Rabin, Peres warn on Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff
PRIME MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin warned last night that Israel "won't stand aside if certain developments take place" in Lebanon which endanger Israel's security.

"I won't specify which developments," said the Premier, "but our neighbours know exactly what they are, and they should re-think more than twice any plans they have that would force Israel to react."

Rabin was addressing the closing dinner of the Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal fact-finding mission at the Jerusalem Hilton.

He noted that Lebanon was the only Arab country in the Middle East where Islam was not the official religion. "The Arabs are not ready to accept a certain amount of autonomy and independence by anyone who is not extreme Moslem Arab," the Premier attacked the Vatican and the UN Security Council for their silence on the carnage of Lebanon's civil war.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres said at the Tel Aviv Club on Friday that Israel was correct in refusing to intervene in the Lebanese civil war, while urging Syria not to intervene militarily. However, Israel remains free to assume its own defence as circumstances require.

Refugees from the fighting areas had not asked so far to be admitted into Israel, and there was no intention to offer them asylum here, he said. Israel was anxious to avoid any involvement, even indirect, in the struggle.

Should Syria try, against her better judgement, to provoke Israel it was extremely unlikely that Russia would send troops to help the Arabs. The Kremlin was too conscious of Russia's economic and social weakness to risk an entanglement in a war.

Speaking on radio's "Weekly Column," Aharon Yariv, MK, said there was now a possibility that Lebanon would become one of the confrontation nations. "Lebanon as we knew it a year ago exists no longer," he said. Yariv added Syria would probably continue to limit its activity in Lebanon unless it wanted the situation to disintegrate. But other Arab nations may enter the picture — including Egypt, which has considerable influence over events in Lebanon.

Meir Amit, like Yariv, a former chief of intelligence, said in the same broadcast that Israel would be justified in intervening in Lebanon if regular Syrian forces entered the country, or if even semi-regular forces — tanks, artillery, etc. — seized the area bordering Israel.

Tekoah: Now's the time to deal with Jordan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's former Ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoah, said here on Friday that the Government should "ask the nation now" for the authority to negotiate with Jordan.

Tekoah, who is now president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, told the Engineers Club that Amman was ready to seek an arrangement restoring its authority in the West Bank. But "water-tight frontiers, such as existed in Europe between the two world wars," Tekoah added, "are a thing of the past."

Egged co-op holds public to ransom

IN SWAHILI the vernacular of East Africa, the ruling proprietary classes are called "mabenze," i.e. car-owners. This term could also be applied in this country, for three out of four Israel families still depend on public transport. Egged's strike has therefore caused widespread hardship and resentment. But it is doubted whether even the long-suffering public has grasped the full significance of this strike.

The Egged management unanimously decided to resort to strike action in defence of its members' demands and assets. One may find such militancy objectionable, but it does not differ from the general pattern of Wild West behaviour we have grown accustomed to. Even the cooperative's public statements aimed at explaining its actions are not quite true, though not exactly lies.

Egged's insistence on an all-or-nothing implementation of the recommendations submitted by the Golomb Commission does not hold water. The committee has so far submitted only interim reports, while its final verdict concerning the major issues is still outstanding. Because these recommendations are not yet known, the cooperative is possibly presuming that they will come out in its favour, and may even be hoping to bring this about through pressure tactics.

It is also hard to justify Egged's assertion that its service must be discontinued due to lack of funds. The Knesset Finance Committee has just empowered the Government to loan it a substantial amount. But obviously Egged cannot avail itself of this loan if it adamantly rejects the stipulated terms.

Even more remarkable in this whole affair is the Government's position. The Minister of Transport has deplored Egged's action as "grave," but has studiously refrained from condemning it. Although allowing car and truck owners to carry passengers (against high fares), he has rejected all pleas to interfere with the strike and to renew public transport. Commandeering Egged was out of the question, he said: the buses are their property.

At least one business firm has applied for a court injunction against Egged for failing to fulfil its contractual obligation. A private citizen has asked for an injunction against Egged's failure to perform its duty as a licensed operator of a public bus service. Several firms have announced their intention to sue for damages. But the Government has played no role in these proceedings. It did not even react to Egged's refusal to obey the court injunction. And when Egged mem-

bers started to obstruct public traffic on Friday, the police initially treated them with kid gloves — obviously by order from above — although a few arrests were made later on when matters got completely out of hand.

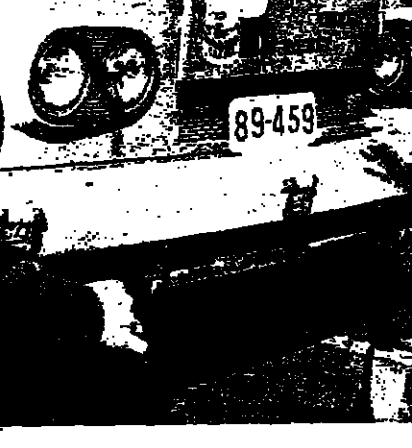
The public may be upset by Egged's action, but the Government had made it abundantly clear that it had no choice but to come to terms with the cooperative, had not the Knesset's Finance Committee thrown a spoke into the wheel. Official spokesmen, including the Minister of Transport — have labelled the committee's decision as "rash," "unconsidered" and "unworkable," and have left no stone unturned to achieve its revision. But they have not bothered to inform the public about their own proposal, which even normally docile coalition MKs have refused to rubberstamp.

What the Government did propose was to give Egged IL50m as a grant not a loan. And to add to it another grant of IL55m, up to the end of the current fiscal year. And it has not ruled out Egged's request for upping that grant by another IL45m. True, the Minister also told the committee that he intends to

appoint a government official to participate in Egged's management on a footing similar to that of the Histadrut's representative. But this is mere cosmetics.

To all practical purposes the Government was thus about to yield again to the cooperative's demands — as it has repeatedly done in the past — contenting itself with pious hope that Egged members would agree to shoulder at least part of their accumulated deficit. However, the Egged members have expressly refused to foot this bill (and the present strike was called, inter alia, to make this point clear).

The confusion concerning this point has been deliberately fostered by the fuss about transferring Egged members' "private" companies to the cooperative. This was recommended by the Golomb Commission as a precondition for the cooperative's financial consolidation. But the Egged management (not, so far, the members) reluctantly agreed to this on condition the required capital is provided by the government. The accumulated deficit is written off. This moot point is of crucial importance not only because of the large sums involved (which may well amount to some IL500m.), but also because of the principle involved.



STREET SCENE. — Haifa citizens tangle with Egged drivers and their vehicles on Friday.

Strike violence

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meant that individual groups of men were acting spontaneously on their own.

In their discussions with citizens the Egged men time and again brought up the example of last year's El Al strike. "Look, El Al caused the country millions of pounds of damage, and nothing was done to them," one Egged man cried.

"Why does the Ministry allow private drivers to charge passengers IL2 for a trip in town, when we can only take 70 ag," another yelled. "The Government and you, you and you will pay for every broken window on our buses," another said, pointing his finger at bystanders.

Among the public a long-pent-up resentment at the poor service, the arrogance of some Egged drivers, and the impudence of Egged in defying the Government's decision seemed to find an outlet.

Police arrested 12 Egged drivers for obstructing traffic. By 3 p.m. traffic in most places in Jerusalem was flowing normally again.

The police in Jerusalem said last night that they are increasing their forces following information of possible renewed demonstrations by Egged today.

Of the towns in the Dan region, the strike affected Holon the most, because it is served by Egged only. Taxis were hard to find and there were not enough pickup vans. There were more people than usual were seen on Holon's streets. Cinemas which usually are not full, last night were packed to capacity.

People were generally resentful of Egged and seemed willing to suffer inconveniences rather than yield to the bus company.

Fourth bus-less day
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plans for settling the problems of public transportation," he said.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said last night that the establishment of a committee is being considered to examine the possibility of nationalizing the Egged bus cooperative.

Dr. Burg was speaking at a meeting of the "Laminate" section in Tel Aviv. He supported the stand of the Transport Minister.

Histadrut secretary-general Yeruham Meshé, speaking in Zichron Ya'acov last night, said that he was appalled at the instances of violence "both on the part of the public and on the part of some Egged members." He said he was satisfied with the action taken so far by the Transport Minister.

David Eylon, the secretary of the Jerusalem Labour Council, on Friday condemned the conduct of Egged drivers in trying to tie up traffic in the capital.

The director-general of the Dead Sea Works, Arye Shazar, said last night that he intends to sue Egged for damages resulting from their failure to transport workers to the plant. He said that his firm some time ago loaned Egged IL5m, so that the cooperative could release from customs several airconditioned buses to be used to take workers from Arad, Dimona and BeerSheva to the plant.

David Golomb, chairman of the committee which issued the report which recommended that Egged sell off some of its holdings in order to stabilize its finances, on Friday night told a radio reporter that he is against the idea of nationalizing Egged. He said that

The man in the street tends to consider bus transport as a public service, the operators of which are entitled to a reasonable profit against the monopoly which they enjoy, and on condition they do their job properly and efficiently. Under no circumstances should they be allowed to earn excess profits and accumulate surplus funds. Neither should the public be saddled with deficits which could have been avoided by better and more economic management.

Egged members, on the other hand, feel that they have a vested right acquired by law, tradition or cash-down payment — to passenger conveyance and to any income which can be derived from that, including the right of first refusal to any ancillary services (such as bus terminals or sight-seeing tours). The public therefore owes them a suitable income, which must be provided through subsidy. If not bus fares. And any income with their statutory monopoly ought to be settled by a compromise on terms agreeable to them.

The eventual decision concerning the deficit Egged has piled up to date obviously depends upon which approach prevails. But also, so does the cooperative's future. If the Government's proposal is accepted, the cash grants would wipe out part of the deficit. Then a convenient formula would be found for "socializing" the rest of it. The way would thus be paved for merging the members' "private" companies with Egged proper, but with the cost to be paid by the public, and with Egged's vested interests again maintained.

Fortunately, this ingenious scheme has hit a snag, and the Ministry's travesty of public service has been exposed. But this does not mean that it has been failed. Egged would have never dared to strike, had it not been sure that the government's bite is worse than its bark. As a matter of fact, even the bark is a mild one.

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State Comptroller: Bat Yam left without land for its needs

THE ADMINISTRATION of Bat Yam during the past five years has been so full of shortcomings, the city is left today with a shortage of land for public use and the police are investigating suspected corruption cases.

The State Comptroller's report, Bat Yam, released for publication today, includes sharp criticism of Bat Yam's management since 1970. The report relates to three years — 1970-72, 1972-74, and 1974-76 — under the administration of Mayor Menachem Rothman (last week unanimously renounced as its candidate by the Bat Yam Labour Party branch), and the final year or so under Likud's Yitzhak Walker.

During the period covered, the city's population grew by 34,000, and a great deal of construction was done. The Municipality, the report says, did a great deal of development work, and provided services — especially education, health, roads and the water and sewage systems.

However, regulations on building permits and supervision were grossly ignored, as were the overall planning needs. The City permitted individuals to add construction exchange for material benefits to Municipality. On the other hand, City failed to collect its taxes as required by IL21m. — 21% cent — by the end of fiscal year. Moreover, Bat Yam's finances were badly managed, in all that concerned borrowing at commercial rates, and investment of cash by the city.

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Yundeff boys' relatives in five days' custody

NOT — The Yundeff boys' relatives, arrested on Thursday in connection with the boys' disappearance, were remanded for five days on Friday, at a session by a District Court judge at one of the Petah Tikva magistrates' courts. The judge had ordered four of the five arrested, but permitted the police to keep them for a few more hours. They appealed his ruling. The five relatives, including the five uncles, were arrested on Thursday night from under a guard's nose. The boys, who were staying with their uncle, Ben-Artzi, at Moshav Gan, were there in their pyjamas at night, while many relatives gathered at the house to celebrate the uncle's wedding. The boys and their uncle were to be taken to Germany the next morning to join their father, in accordance with a court ruling, until parents' divorce case there is decided. But when the police car

oney dealer thought ed to Yamanik deaths

AVIV — An alleged foreign black-market dealer arrested last week may be linked to the deaths of Yehonatan and Mordechai Yamanik, the police said. The suspect, a 50-year-old Petah Tikva man, was named on a note found in the elderly couple's apartment. The note indicated he had paid \$20,000 and DM4,500 for the bodies of the two boys, who were found dead, 20 apart, three weeks ago.

Runaway, 9, found safe

ASEROD — A boy who disappeared on Friday after his teacher scolded him for classroom pranks was found in Holon yesterday, safe but shaking from fear and cold. Nine-year-old Ami Azran, had decided to keep low when his teacher said she was writing a letter to his father the same day. When his parents looked for him at school late Friday afternoon, they found only his schoolbag. They notified police, who sent out a search party with bloodhounds. On Saturday, police received a call about a boy who had been found on a farm in Holon. It turned out to be Ami, who still had mixed feelings about going home.



ARSON is suspected in a blaze which gutted Yosef Tassa's building supplies warehouse in Tel Aviv's Hatikva Quarter on Friday night. (IPPA)

3 held after Tel Aviv fire

TEL AVIV — Three residents of the Hatikva Quarter here were arrested at the weekend, in the wake of a fire which gutted a building supplies warehouse in Rehov Etzel, causing more than IL1m. damage. The fire in the two-story warehouse began shortly after midnight Friday, and was discovered by a passing police patrol. Proprietor Yosef Tassa told the police he locked up as usual that day, switching off all the electricity. The fire was all the more suspicious, however, because there was a blaze in the warehouse three months ago, also on the weekend. (Itim)

Treasury moots return of certain tax exemptions

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
SOME TRANSACTIONS made taxable by the recent tax reform law, will again become tax exempt according to a proposal being discussed by the Treasury. The Jerusalem Post learned on Friday that the following changes have been suggested:

- A present from an employer to his employee, and a present from a self-employed person to a customer, of not more than IL125 per year will be tax free.
- Alimony paid by a husband to his ex-wife will be considered tax free income for her but not a tax free expenditure of the husband.
- Payments by the National Insurance Institute to a handicapped person for the upkeep of his car will be tax-exempt.
- Severance pay exceeding one-twelfth of an annual salary — or more than IL4000 — will be taxable as at present. However, the tax payments may be spread over a period of five years.

The Treasury is still undecided about the income tax imposed on payments by the National Insurance Institute. Although under the present law such payments are taxable, the Institute has refused to deduct the tax at source.

The Treasury has also not yet made up its mind on the capital gains tax on Natad transactions which it imposed last November and immediately rescinded following a spate of protests. The High Court of Justice is due to rule this week on an application by Moked questioning the legality of the tax cancellation.

Property tax exemption up

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THE EXEMPTION from property tax on a single apartment will be increased from IL140,000 at the present to IL180,000-IL200,000, under an amendment proposed by the Treasury.

The reason for the change is not only inflation, but the difficulty the Treasury has had in collecting this tax. The rate — 1.2 per cent on the value of the apartment above the exempted amount — will not be changed.

The Treasury has in the meantime also decided to extend the duration of the defence stamp tax beyond its April expiry date. This tax is imposed on telephones and electricity bills and other items. The tax should bring in about IL400m. in 1976.

Higher rates for water approved

THE KNESSET Finance Committee on Friday approved a rise of 22 per cent in the price of water for home consumption; a rise of 25 per cent in the price paid by industry; and a rise of 10 per cent for agriculture. The Committee's decision accedes to the request made by the Agriculture Minister, who is in charge of water supply. The Committee, however, was evenly divided on whether to make the rate rise effective as of December 1, 1975, or on the date of approval. The matter was left for decision by the Minister.

Domestic water use will now cost IL1.10 instead of IL0.90 per cubic metre for the first eight cu.m.; IL1.70 instead of IL1.40 for each of the next eight cu.m.; and IL2.70 instead of IL2.20 for each cu.m. thereafter. Water for industry will now cost IL1. per cu.m. instead of IL0.80.

Farmers will pay IL0.33 instead of IL0.30 per cu.m. for agricultural use of water, and IL0.55 per cu.m. for water used in auxiliary farms and for gardens.

A new regulation permits local authorities, which feel they can provide a water supply service at other rates, to apply to the Agriculture and Interior Ministers for approval of a local by-law establishing other rates.

More applications at Ramat Magshimim

ACRE — The murder of the three yeshiva students two months ago at Ramat Magshimim on the Golan has not only not deterred religious boys from going there, but has given rise to a large number of applications for admission to the settlement, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

Meeting with local council and labour council leaders here, Peres said the number of such applications was now four times the number of the students at the Ramat Magshimim yeshiva. He had been asked to approve more housing and weapon-training for the yeshiva during his visit this week.

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MKs back project for Ikrit, Biram

By YOEL DAE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A group of civic leaders and Knesset Members have started organising a "voluntary development project" at the sites of Biram and Ikrit villages on the Lebanese border.

The group includes former Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati, Aluf (res) Yisrael Tal, adviser to the Defence Minister, and MKs Arieh (Lova) Eliav, Aharon Ephrat, Haika Grossman, Avraham Silberberg, Dov Zakun, Meir Pa'il, Marcella Freedman, Yossi Sarid and Meir Talmi. There is also an Arab signatory, the Baptist cleric Ibrahim Siman.

In a circular, the group announces their intention of building a hostel at Biram for Arab tourists who come over the Jordan bridges. The hostel would have an annex, with a kitchen, for volunteers who may want to work in the area. Opposite Ikrit they intend building garages, a filling station, restaurants and a commercial centre, with a school on the site on the village itself.

One of the signatories, Dr. Rahel Rosenzweig, also sent a letter to the former villagers assuring them that the purpose of the project is to correct the "injustice done to them and restore their rights."

Galilee lands takeover listed

HAIFA — The Lands Authority has published a memorandum on the plans to expropriate lands in Galilee, for development purposes. The plans have already come under heavy fire from various Arab circles.

According to the memorandum, the plans call for the taking over of a total of 20,000 dunams of land owned by Arabs and Jews, much of it in hilly areas which have never been farmed.

The memorandum stated that 4,729 dunams are to be expropriated in the Nazareth area, 7,454 at Carmel, 2,069 at Makr village, east of Acre, and 5,619 at Safed.

Of the land, 8,048 dunams are owned by the State, 6,320 by Arabs and 4,369 by Jews. Altogether, 3,000 owners are involved. The memorandum gives no date for the expropriation.

WARDENS OF HAIFA'S Central Synagogue have cancelled plans to sell clothing and linens at reduced prices in the synagogue after the project was opposed by the Retailers Association. The gabbaim were told by Ze'ev Katz, association secretary, that if clothing were sold in the synagogue, the association would sell "aliyyot" for Tora readings.

Pinhas Lavon — Bigger than the 'affair'

WOULD BE unfortunate if Lavon were to be remembered only for the tragic 'Affair' bore his name. Though the ussions of the 'affair' dominated Israel politics for a number of years, causing a number of government crises and cutting short the careers of various prominent Israelis, Lavon deserves to be remembered for his dynamic contributions to the country's labour movement and to the ideology of Zionism.

as Lavon (Lubianiker) was in the village of Kopincia, Poland, in Eastern Galicia. He received his schooling at a secondary school in Tarnopol, studied law at the University of Lvov. After joining Shomer, member of Hashomer Hatzair, he moved away from radical socialism and became a member of the Zionist movement, moving to Lod as the organizers of the Polish Aliyah. He settled in Israel in 1924.

and his kvutza worked as hands on land near Hadera, eventually settled at Huda. After its destruction in the riots of 1929, as founder of Hakhutot, Lavon held numerous public offices, serving as secretary from 1935 to 1937, and of the executive committees of the Histadrut from 1937 to 1940 and chairman of Solei Boneh. He represented Mapai at Zionist congresses and in the first Knesset. He was Histadrut secretary from 1949 until appointed minister of agriculture by David Ben-Gurion in October 1949. His popularity by promising peace and more production, and his austere personality, earned him the nickname of "the iron fist" without portfolio August 1952, and, as acting minister in January 1953, he bitterly attacked Stalin's "Doctors' Trials." When Sharet succeeded Ben-Gurion, Lavon became minister of defence. The sequence of events which followed, known as the Lavon Affair, is well known. The period was one of consideration between Israel and her neighbours, with daily incursions at borders, followed by armed

Israel reprisals. The British, acting under strong American pressure, were getting ready to pull their forces out of Egypt, an act which was expected to work potentially against Israel's interests. At this stage an order was given to Israeli intelligence and their contacts in the Egyptian Jewish community to carry out bomb attack on the U.S. cultural centres in Cairo and Alexandria, posing as Egyptian "anti-imperialist patriots." The aim was to create a wedge between Cairo and Washington in the hope that this would lead to a lessening of American pressure on the British to withdraw.

The operation failed, and most of the agents were arrested and brought to trial. The Egyptians executed Dr. Moshe Marzouk and Shmuel Asar, and Israeli agent Max Bennett committed suicide in his cell during the trial. Victor Levi received life imprisonment, and Marcelle Nirdo and Robert Dassa were each sentenced to fifteen years.

The question of who gave the order for this tragic escapade remained unanswered, and became the focus of the "Affair," the worst political storm in Israel's history.

In February 1955 Ben-Gurion responded to the call of senior party colleagues and returned to the premiership. He resigned as minister of defence, and it was only at this time that rumours gained public currency that Lavon had been subjected to an inquiry by a committee appointed by the prime minister.

Lavon became Histadrut secretary-general for the second time in July 1956, with Golda Meir's warm recommendation that the party exploit his talents ringing in the public ear. He dedicated himself to bringing about fundamental reforms within the organization. Lavon stressed the ideological motivation of the Histadrut, believing it was not merely an organization to fight for workers' living standards, but one guided by the vision of a free workers' commonwealth.

During this period Lavon fought to stave off the centrifugal forces which grew swiftly with the development of the State, and showed a marked tendency to undermine the central structure of the Histadrut. At the same time he opposed what he called "statism," the tendency of the State to supplant the Histadrut in the labour realm.

Lavon believed that new industrial complexes, which grew rapidly at this time, particularly in the kibbutz sector, should be subjected to the central control and guidance of the Histadrut, from which they derived much of their original investment. This centralistic conception met with powerful opposition (especially from Mapai), and Lavon failed to carry it through. He won his fight, however, to reform

and control Solei Boneh, to enforce reforms in the Histadrut's housing companies, and to streamline the administration of Kupat Holim. He envisaged the amalgamation of all the various sick funds and the creation of a nationalized health service, and planned a revolutionary merger of all existing pension funds.

Re-elected for a new term of office in April 1960, Lavon was at the height of his power and popularity as a national figure. The "Affair," which had already influenced the course of his political career, was, however, about to assume destructive proportions.

At the beginning of his new term, Lavon supported a government freeze and maintained his struggle against state bureaucracy. In the summer of 1960 a secret committee, headed by the then Attorney-General (now Justice) Haim Cohn, carried out extensive investigations within the army and defence establishment into aspects of the "mishap" of 1954, because of new evidence which had meanwhile come to light. In September of that year Lavon demanded full exoneration from blame for his part in the mishap, on the basis of the findings of Cohn's "Committee of Three," but Prime Minister Ben-Gurion refused, on the grounds that, as he had said, Lavon in the first place, he couldn't exonerate him.

Attorney-general Cohn submitted an opinion to the Cabinet on October 23 1960, based on the work of his committee. As a result the cabinet set up the famous ministerial "Committee of Seven," which decided to absolve Lavon from all responsibility for the mishap. This evoked a bitter response from Ben-Gurion, who complained that the decision cast aspersions on the roles of others involved who had not had the same opportunities to be heard as Lavon.

Unable to carry cabinet opinion, Ben-Gurion resigned from the premiership at the end of January 1961. He was succeeded, however, in persuading Mapai to oust Lavon as secretary-general of the Histadrut. Lavon resigned the same year, on February 9.

Lavon and his supporters created first the "Ihud" pressure group and later the "Min Hayesod" movement to protest against Lavon's treatment and in particular his omission from the Mapai list for the forthcoming general election. The "Lavonists" called on their supporters to put blank papers in the ballot boxes. Pressure from some Mapai ministers to reinstate or otherwise rehabilitate Lavon continued on Prime Minister Levi Eshkol.

To forestall this, Ben-Gurion submitted new documents on the "mishap" in October 1964 to Justice Minister Dov Joseph. Joseph accepted the evidence contained in them and found the Committee of

Seven's exoneration of Lavon invalid, calling for a new inquiry.

This caused a free government crisis. Eshkol resigned and formed another cabinet from which Dov Joseph was excluded. Eshkol and his colleagues felt that the "mishap" had been sufficiently investigated and to drag the "Affair" further would only add to the considerable damage already caused. But Ben-Gurion continued to call for a new inquiry, and Lavon was replaced on the Histadrut executive in January 1965.

Did Pinhas Lavon give the order to bomb the U.S. cultural centres in Egypt? In recent years a flood of books and published reminiscences reveal the extent of the power vacuum caused by Ben-Gurion's sudden retirement to Sde Boker. Within this situation Lavon went to considerable trouble to establish contact with individual army officers, often by-passing Chief of Staff Dayan to do so, according to Hagai Eshkol's study of the "Affair." Eshkol argues that against this background, plus the known friction between Lavon and Sharet, it is difficult to dissociate Lavon as defence minister from the bombing decision and the subsequent order for the Kibya reprisal.

Lavon's supporters, however, coun-



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Kissinger reports on Moscow talks

U.S. signs pact with Spain; will pull out nuclear weapons

MADRID. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger yesterday signed a five-year pact pledging the U.S. to withdraw its nuclear weapons from Spain, and to hold "urgent consultations" in the event of an attack against the West.

The pact also provides for the U.S. to offer Spain \$1.22 billion in foreign military sales credits, Export-Import Bank credits, grants, and a broad range of educational, cultural and scientific cooperation.

In return the Spanish Government will permit the U.S. to retain its naval facility at Rota, and its air force bases at Torrejon, Zaragoza and Moron.

Kissinger signed the treaty at a ceremony at the Foreign Ministry with Foreign Minister Jose Maria Arellano, after conferring with King Juan Carlos.

U.S. officials said the agreement amounted to a treaty on economic and military cooperation and did not constitute a new defense commitment by the U.S. To become effective the treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the U.S. Senate and by the Spanish parliament.

The U.S. will remove its squadron of 10 Polar submarines from the Rota naval facility, and withdraw any other nuclear weapons it may have on Spanish territory. It will sell Spain four squadrons of F-16 fighters, lease Spain 42 F-4E Phantoms from the U.S. Air Force inventory and provide a mine-sweeper and other equipment.

Kissinger arrived from Brussels, where he met with NATO ministers, whose governments barred Spain because of objections to the rule of General Franco. The U.S. has been urging Spain's admission to NATO for years.

During his stay in Brussels, Kissinger reported to NATO foreign ministers on his trip to Moscow. He brought back new Soviet ideas on the limitation of strategic nuclear weapons. One of them was a 10 per cent reduction in the total number of major weapons in the hands of either side.

Kissinger told reporters that the new Soviet ideas were "significant and constructive." One of the main problems was how to include American cruise missiles and Soviet bombers — of the type called Backfire in the West — in a new agreement.

Dr. Kissinger apparently got a cold shoulder from the Russians on two other major issues — Soviet support for the Popular Movement in Angola, and the reduction of arms in Central Europe.

The Russians indicated they had no interest in a Western proposal to pull out 1,000 of the 7,200 war other nuclear weapons in Europe for tactical use in return for Soviet withdrawal of a tank army.

Nixon agrees to reply to questions on Chile

WASHINGTON. — Former President Richard Nixon has agreed to answer under oath written questions from the Senate Intelligence Committee about his decisions on intervention in Chile and other matters, chairman Frank Church said over the weekend.

Church told reporters after a closed session of the panel that the answers to the questions would be presented to the committee "for whatever action may be necessary."

The Senate committee has been trying for months to get sworn testimony from Nixon on various intelligence aspects of his Administration that came under scrutiny.

At one point last year the former President offered to receive at his San Clemente home a delegation of "two senior members" — presumably Church and Vice-Chairman Sen. John Tower — for a period of several hours and to answer questions under oath.

But Nixon, through his attorney, said he reserved the right to refuse to answer under executive privilege any question he judged unacceptable. The committee turned down the offer.

Church said Nixon's attorney had since informed the committee that the former President would be willing to provide sworn answers to written questions from the panel.

Church said the committee wanted to obtain the reasons and circumstances surrounding Nixon's decisions to have the CIA try to prevent the election of Marxist Salvador Allende as Chile's President.

Earlier, outgoing CIA director William Colby told another Senate panel that Congress should share control of U.S. intelligence activities, but "the system won't work" if material is leaked to the press.

Meanwhile two of America's best-known television newsmen and the head of the news network of a third TV network have denied charges that they were on a list of journalists paid by the CIA.

The charges were made in a television interview on Friday. The three men are Walter Cronkite and John Chancellor, and William Sheehan, president of American Broadcasting Company News.

The accusations were leveled in an interview on a station in Washington by Sam Jaffe, who was a television correspondent at the UN in the 1950s and early 1960s and later in Moscow.

The "New York Times" reported last week that Jaffe had confirmed, in a telephone interview with the newspaper, that he had worked as an unpaid Federal Bureau of Investigation informant in the early 1950s.

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BREST. — France began equipping its submarine-carried strategic missile force with megaton-size warheads yesterday, Defence Minister Yvon Bourges presided over an official ceremony at a naval base near here marking the entry into service of the new warheads.

France has three missile-carrying nuclear submarines in service with two under construction. (Reuters)

Ford 'fiddle-fit'

WASHINGTON. — President Gerald Ford underwent his annual physical check-up yesterday and declared: "I feel fit as a fiddle."

"I'm getting healthier every day," the President told reporters after the three-hour examination by a team of doctors at Bethesda Medical Center outside Washington.

"No problems," said the White House physician, Dr. William Lu-

ka, in a brief exchange with reporters. (AP)

U.S.-Indians vote to sell Florida

HOLLYWOOD, Florida. — The Seminole Indians, who were forced off their tribal lands by U.S. troops more than 100 years ago and have been pressing their claims ever since, have agreed to sell Florida.

About 300 members of the tribe voted overwhelmingly on Thursday to accept 16m. from the U.S. government as compensation to the 4,000 to 12,000 modern-day Seminoles for 82 million acres of land covering nearly the entire peninsula state.

The Seminoles originally sought \$47m. for about 40 million acres, and Chief Howard Tommie said the final offer was "nowhere near what the land is worth."

"But if we try to press it and the mood of the government changes, we could be left without time. Our lawyers say this is the best we can do. Who has another 25 years to fight?"

The offer, accepted after legal battles since 1948, amounts to about 50 cents an acre for land that includes Miami Beach, Disney World and Cape Canaveral.

The land was seized during the Seminole Wars of 1823 and 1832, and under the Indian Removal Act of 1840. Appraisers said the land was then worth between three cents and \$2.50 an acre.

The settlement must be reviewed by the U.S. Indian Claims Commission and the money must be appropriated by Congress. (AP)

China reports nuclear test

TOKYO. — China conducted a nuclear test on Friday, Peking Radio reported yesterday.

The broadcast called the test successful, but did not give its size or location. Nor did it say whether the test was conducted in the air or under ground. The last officially reported Chinese nuclear test under ground was on October 28, 1975.

A brief communique issued by the government said it remains Chinese policy to work toward total nuclear disarmament. "The Chinese Government and people will, as always, work together with the other peoples and peace-loving countries in the world in the common struggle to achieve the lofty goal of complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons," it said.

The statement congratulated Chinese scientists, engineers, revolutionaries and the army on successfully carrying out the nuclear test after "conscientiously" studying Mao's "brilliant poems" published recently and the New Year's Day editorial. It did not say where the editorial appeared. (AP)

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Former U.S. statesman argues for super-power M.E. peace

Sadat's hopes of U.S. arms 'likely to be dashed'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former U.S. Under-Secretary of State George Ball says in an article just published that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had assured his army officers that the U.S. will begin supplying sophisticated military equipment to Egypt as a result of the Sinai interim agreement. However, Ball thinks the Egyptians are likely to be disappointed.

Quoting "a well-informed Egyptian," Ball notes that Sadat promised

the officers that they will receive "arms and equipment in magnitude and sophistication comparable to those America is now giving to Israel." The Ball article appears in the February issue of "Atlantic" magazine.

The former diplomat, who is now a banker, predicts that "disillusion is just around the corner" for Sadat and his officers. "If the U.S. Congress were to give Egypt any military equipment at all, which seems doubtful, it would be limited in amount and purely defensive in character," commented Ball. He says Sadat has therefore appeared to

"rouse expectations that he can never fulfil."

Ball reiterates in the article his proposal that the U.S. and the Soviet Union should get together and work out a scheme for an overall Middle East settlement, and that the super-powers should later convince their respective allies in the Middle East to accept these guidelines. The article is certain to upset Israeli officials, who have always opposed an "imposed" super-power settlement.

Ball, who was originally favourable to Kissinger's mediatory effort in achieving the Sinai accord, now

says that the agreement may have created nothing more than a piece of paper, and worse, "an insuperable" impediment to the achievement of a lasting settlement.

Ball argues for a withdrawal by Israel to the pre-1967 borders, "subject to such minor boundary rectifications as might be achieved through negotiation." For this purpose, he says, he would support direct negotiations between the parties.

The Ball article is adopted from his forthcoming book on American foreign policy, "Diplomacy for a crowded world."

Correspondent Mark Segal comments from London

'Fumbling' hurts Israel's image

LONDON. — Israel's image here has not been helped in the last few days largely because of its own fumbling.

There have been too many declarations about what Israel will do should Syria move into Lebanon, followed by official explanations that the IDF won't really have to move. All serious local commentators have taken this as an indication of vacillation and indecision.

In addition, the image of Israeli democracy has been tarnished by row over the Cabinet's decision to extend censorship to diplomatic reporting which has been fully reported by the British press.

The fact that much of the sting has been taken out of these measures — to judge by the Minister of Justice's latest remarks — does not alter the fact that the immediate impact of the initial reports has left a bad taste among Israel's friends and caused rejoicing among its enemies. Moreover, it provided an example of a government that cannot make up its mind, of having adopted a harsh line, and then losing its nerve.

The gravest recent instance of what harm such fumbling can cause is the "clerical error" by the Israeli UN delegation, which sent out a letter to the Council of Sudeben Germans — known Nazi-sympathisers — to the effect that Israel would support a discussion of their claims against Czechoslovakia at the United Nations.

A spokesman for the London-based International Council of Jews from Czechoslovakia told this reporter that the mistake has handed ammunition to the Communist propaganda charges of Jewish collusion with the Nazis. The matter was first brought to light when the spokesman monitored a Slovak radio broadcast claiming that Ambassador Haim Herzog sent out such a letter. Other Czech media were quick to exploit this "clerical error" in their propaganda campaign, the spokesman reported.

A third instance of fumbling, which is funnier than the last-mentioned, made the British Zionist Federation leadership the cause of merriment in the Jewish community last week.

Following Britain's abstention in the Security Council vote earlier this month on whether to invite the PLO to participate in its Middle East debate, the Foreign Office here received two letters from Jewish sources — one from the Board of Deputies of British Jews protesting at the abstention, and the other from the British Zionist Federation expressing "our appreciation." Both letters bore the signature of Lord

Janner, who is both President of the Federation and chairman of the Board's Eretz Israel Committee.

Lord Janner was unaware of the Zionist Federation's letter. It emerged that Federation chairman Eric Moonman, M.P., after consulting with other honorary officers, dictated the letter en route to Heathrow Airport to enplane for the Bahamas on a parliamentary mission. As is customary, Lord Janner's name was appended, in keeping with the strict observance of protocol in the Jewish community hierarchy. But Lord Janner, somehow, was not even informed of the gist of the message.

The first he heard of it was at the monthly meeting of the Board of Deputies, when the chairman of that body's Foreign Affairs Committee, Michael Fidler, criticised the letter. Meanwhile, the chairman of the Public Relations Committee, Malvyn Benjamin, British Zionist leader, also took issue with the letter and quoted Golda Meir's sharp criticism of the British abstention during her visit here last week.

Moonman is coming back from the Bahamas on an angry and embarrassed Z.F. executive, some of whose members are claiming that he is too busy a man to properly carry out his duties both as chairman as well as Member of Parliament.

The crashed plane was a Soviet-made Antonov-type aircraft, en route from Canton to Shanghai. Kyodo said. The cause of the crash is under investigation, it added.

The Japanese report said the Chinese Government on Friday notified the Danish and U.S. Governments on the crash.

The plane crash has not been reported either by the official Hsinhua news agency or Peking radio.

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General Antonio Ramalho Eanes, the army chief-of-staff, told soldiers at northern regional headquarters in Oporto on Friday that the reorganization would leave a force of 26,000 men.

At the height of Portugal's wars in its former African colonies, the army had over 200,000 men.

General Eanes, who took over his command after the failure of last November's leftist rebellion,

said the new army would be divided into three sectors.

One would be an intervention force of 10,800 soldiers, with sophisticated equipment for disavuation, defence against external aggression, and military support for foreign policy.

The second part would be a corps of 9,600 men, lightly armed, highly mobile, and capable of waging guerrilla warfare. A further sector of 8,500 would provide the army's permanent infra-structure.

Under the new army discipline, he said, legal sanctions would be taken against any soldier who insisted on serving the interests of political parties. (Reuters, AP)

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hose herd Argentina cattle to the slaughter. But a cow in the foreground is looking back over its shoulder, a behavior described in the caption as 'fetching less than a beefsteak in Europe'.

Argentina's inflation nightmare worsens

By JAMES NEILSON

OS AIRES. — The Argentine government has committed hara-kiri. The official figures were for 1975 this month they were appalling. The official living index rose by 334.8 per cent, the biggest annual leap in a land of perennial inflation. This figure was deliberately selected from a short list of pro-rose prices were fairly tight-controlled by the Government, the real increase was much

country's reserves are scrap-iron. A year ago the Central bank had \$1,435m. in its coffers. End of 1975 it had a paltry of which most was owed, sure, again, is regarded as ult of a wildly optimistic ination of the facts. Accord- some economists the country reserves at all.

ks largely to the world-wide and the European Econo- munity's protectionist farm - 1975 was a miserable year eign trade. Although Argen- self is absurdly cheap by standards — according to adding representative of the actor, Dr. Emilio Rognoni, a Argentina fetches less than reek in Europe — Argenti- additional markets remained. In consequence the \$642m. surplus run up in 1974 was rmed into a deficit estimated 0m. to which must be added ar amount for "invisibles" in s and payment of interest ts to narrow the trade gap nely served to drive the ic economy deeper into trou- gentine industry depends on ed raw materials, which must ed for with what is earned by le of farm products. When s are cut down, domestic in- l production suffers, and the to diversify exports becomes and harder.

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Guide for the new investor

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

A PARADOX of the local invest- ment scene is its defensive nature. The public's main concern has been with preserving the value of its savings, and the pursuit of capital gains has been secondary. As a result, almost all securities avail- able to the public are either linked to the cost-of-living index or to the U.S. dollar.

The concept of linkage, almost unique in the Western world, is a bid to prevent the erosion in pur- chasing power as measured by the criteria of the cost-of-living index or the rate of devaluation of the Israeli pound in terms of the dollar. The argument as to the superior- ity of one linkage over another is a constant concern among invest- ment advisers.

A now classic study of the two types of linkage, carried out by Dr. A. Arbel of Tel Aviv Univer- sity, came to some interesting con- clusions. The study compared two investments — one linked to the index and one linked to the dollar — over a period of 10 years. The result showed that both types of investment grew by almost identi- cal sums. The cost-of-living index linked investment, however, did somewhat better when measured in absolute terms. These results must be viewed over the long term, since the conclusions do not neces- sarily hold true over short periods of time.

DOLLAR-LINKED

Since October, 1974, investments linked to the dollar proved to be superior to those linked to the index. During that period of time the cost-of-living index rose by some 35 per cent, while the pound was devalued in the same period by close to 80 per cent.

In the preceding year, index- linked investments were favoured as the dollar-pound relationship stayed constant at ILA.20 = \$1.00, while the index rose strongly.

Personal investments include a very broad spectrum of possibili- ties. These include stocks and bonds in local and foreign cur- rency; short-term loans; mutual funds; savings schemes; pension funds; bank deposits; commodities — such as gold or silver; Israeli coins and medals; stamps; art and real estate. Each investment field has different goals as to the result and therefore its suitability must be matched to the investment aims of the individual.

The small investor's goals often include preservation of purchasing power, a modest income and per- haps a small capital gain, and for him mutual funds and savings schemes offer the best possibilities.

WALL STREET WEEK Market on the rise

NEW YORK. — The stock market swept ahead again last week, stretching the gain of the Dow Jones Industrial Average for early 1976 to more than 100 points and breaking the volume record it had set the week before.

The Dow rose 24.32 to 958.95 over the week. That put it 101.54 points ahead of its December 31 close of 852.41, only 16 trading days into the New Year.

The average is now more than 375 points above its late-1974 low, and within 100 points of the all-time high of 1,051.70 it reached on January 11, 1973.

The New York Stock Exchange volume totalled \$161.74 million shares, topping the peak of \$159.70 million recorded in the previous week.

The overall tally on the New York Exchange showed 1,451 gainers and only 419 losers among the 2,061 issues traded.

The market started out Monday on a bright note following the Fed- eral Reserve's reduction of its dis- count rate from 8 to 5.5 per cent the previous Friday night. Banks across the country were meanwhile cutting their prime lending rates from 7 to 6 1/2 per cent. (AP)

favourite bond — similar to U.S. municipal bonds — is Hothie, which is in U.S. dollars, bears 6 per cent interest and is tax free.

The aforementioned investments are generally suited to the ma- jority of the public. However, both the middle income and high income investor may wish to diversify fur- ther by assuming a greater degree of risk. Moreover, high-risk invest- ments do not usually offer any return in terms of dividends or interest.

One of the more interesting in- vestments is in Israeli commemo- rative gold coins, which are distrib- uted by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. Their face value is guaranteed by the Bank of Israel; in recent years, however, their popularity both here and abroad has raised their prices considerably over issue cost. One can subscribe directly from the Coins and Medals Corporation or can obtain coins on the secondary market.

Commodities, such as gold and silver, can be purchased through these banks which are licensed to buy and sell these commodities. For those who do not possess free currency accounts, commodities may be purchased through Natad ac- counts.

Stamps are generally considered to be one of the fastest growing areas of investment, but one must take care to avoid forgeries and damaged issues.

An extra apartment has recently come to be considered as a valuable investment. Due to the perennial housing shortage the value of apart- ments seems to have risen faster than the index and other conven- tional measures of interest. How- ever, the situation was drastically altered by a new tax law passed in July 1975 which decrees that sales of apartments not used as living quarters will now be taxed heavily. If, however, an apartment which was used for living pur- poses is then sold, there will be no tax on the first IL500,000.

LAND WEALTH

Land has formed the basis of the wealth of the richest sector of our society. One-time plots of sand are now prime, centre-city locations which have brought wealth to the owners. As a long term investment, usually requiring additional invest- ment in the way of taxes, land holdings work out well over the long run.

Art works, including those of Is- raeli artists, have done well as investments in the last decade. They are not, however, suitable as short term investments, since the galleries generally charge a 30 per cent sales fee.

In summary, the investor would do well to initially set his goals and the amounts which he wishes to invest and should ascertain whether he wishes to give priority to income, growth or safety. A judi- cious diversification of the various forms of investment discussed above should provide satisfactory results. Incidentally most banks have well developed securities and investment departments, and information is readily available even to the least sophisticated investor.

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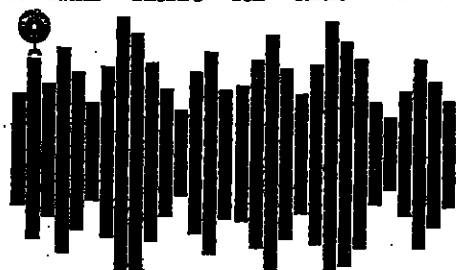
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Test of indifference

IN THE SUPREME COURT
SITTING AS COURT OF
CRIMINAL APPEALS

Before Justices Landau, Kahm
and Shamgar.
State of Israel, Appellant, v. Moshe
Nahum, Respondent (Cr. A. 344/75)

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post
Edited by Doris Lankin

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a verdict and allowed an appeal against the sentence handed down by the Nazareth Dis- trict Court on June 5, 1975 (In Cr. C. 154/74).

The respondent, Moshe Nahum, was charged in the Nazareth Dis- trict Court with placing explosives next to the door of the apartment belonging to the Vice-Mayor of Afula, with the intention of de- stroying property (contrary to sec- tion 327 of the Criminal Code Or- dinance) and with being in unlawful possession of explosives (contrary to section 66A(b) of the Ordinance). He was found guilty on the second charge only and sentenced to four years imprisonment, of which two years were suspended.

The State appealed against his acquittal on the offence against sec- tion 327 and against the leniency of the sentence.

Mr. I. Horowitz, Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the ap- pellant and Mr. E. Tolster for the respondent.

JUDGMENT

Justice Landau, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, currying, noted that the State had argued that the respondent should have been found guilty of an offence contrary to section 327 of the Criminal Code Ordinance, which provides that "any person who, unlawfully and with intent to destroy or damage any property, puts any ex- plosive substance in any place whatsoever, is guilty of a felony, or, alternatively, that he should have been found guilty of an offence contrary to section 326(3), which pro- vides that any person who "willfully and unlawfully destroys or damages any property" by the use of ex- plosives, when that property is a dwelling, is guilty of a felony punishable with life imprisonment.

The District Court, he noted further, dismissed the charge against section 327 on the grounds that there was some doubt as to whether the accused had intended to destroy or damage the vice-mayor's flat, or had merely intended to frighten him by the noise of the explosion, as he had claimed. He found this conclusion somewhat sur- prising, he held, as it was hard to believe that any sane person would detonate explosives of such quantity as the respondent had placed against the door of the vice-mayor's dwell- ing, without intending to cause damage to the dwelling, or at least to the door itself. But this was a factual finding of the trial court and there was no sufficient contrary evidence to justify overruling it.

The only question to be considered by the Supreme Court was, there- fore, Justice Landau continued, whether under both section 327 and section 326(3) the fact that the accused must have known that there was a high probability of damage being caused and that he had been grossly indifferent to such a prob- ability was not sufficient cause for a conviction. In so far as the prin- ciple is concerned, he continued, the rule is that indifference amounts to 29, 1975.

the "willfulness" referred to in sec- tion 326 when the accused is ac- tually alive to the fact that his act is likely to lead to the unlawful con- sequence specified in the law and he nevertheless perpetrates the act, despite the fact that he did not wish to achieve the unlawful con- sequence (see the Jacobovitz case, P.D. 6/514; and Cr.A. 234/64, 4 P.D. 18/375). But where the law de- mands that there should actually have been "intention" to commit an unlawful act — as it does in section 327 — then the test of in- difference would not apply.

In applying the above rule to the case under consideration Justice Landau came to the conclusion that as the District Court had found that there was some doubt as to whether the respondent had been alive to the fact that the explosives he had used were likely to cause damage to property, as opposed to creating a noise, therefore not only could he not have been found guilty of an offence contrary to sec- tion 327 (which requires proof of in- tention), but he could also not be found guilty of an offence contrary to section 326 since one of the elements of "willfulness" was missing.

While the appeals against the respondent's acquittal on this charge should, therefore, be dismissed, held Justice Landau, he agreed with the State's representative that the sen- tence imposed for the offence con- trary to section 66A had been too mild in the circumstances and should be increased to six years' imprisonment, of which three should be suspended.

In conclusion, Justice Landau com- mented on the fact that the Dis- trict Court had disqualified the re- spondent's confession to the police on the grounds that it had been extracted under pressure of hours of protracted examination, with only short periods of respite, by two alternate teams of investiga- tors, and that the respondent had been kept in custody for more than two weeks without being allowed to see his lawyers. The Supreme Court, he said, had on more than one occasion in the past severely criticized the system of exerting extreme psychological pressure on a suspect; and even in these days, when brutality amongst the meth- ers of the underworld is on the increase, the police investigators should not allow themselves to be influenced by this into forgoing the essential elements of fair examina- tion, thus tarnishing the humane image of the State. He was aware, he added, that those in charge of the police force were intent on im- planting recognition of this fact, and he could only hope that they would succeed in eradicating the stray weeds which had sprouted here and there. In the present case he would recommend, he concluded, that copies of the District Court's deci- sion to disqualify the respondent's confession be sent to the Minister of Police, the Inspector General of Police, the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General.

Judgment given on December 29, 1975.

THIS WEEK at the TEL AVIV MUSEUM

EXHIBITION

THE TEL AVIV MUSEUM, 27 Sderot Shaul Hamelech

- * "Austria presents Hundertwasser to the Continents," Zacks Hall.
- * "Rainy Day," a film about the artist, will be shown every day, at 11.30 a.m. and every Saturday at 8.30 p.m. at the Max Kaufman Hall.
- * Gallery talk at the exhibition on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 8.00 p.m., by Mrs. Dorit Hak, Tel-Aviv Museum.
- * "Grieshaber — Woodcuts," Graphic Halls, opening, Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1976.

CONCERTS

- Thursday, Jan. 29, at 8.30 p.m. — In cooperation with the German Embassy — "CAMERATA VOCALE." In the programme: "Baritaten aus fünf Jahrhunderten"
- Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8.30 p.m. ALL TIME FAVOURITES, Mindru Katz — piano, J.S. Bach — Italian Concerto, Haydn — Arietta con variazioni, Beethoven — Sonata Op. 31, No. 2, Brahms — Rhapsody and two intermezzi, Chopin — Two Etudes and Grande Polonaise.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, from 6.30 p.m. — 10.00 p.m. — An Art Film Marathon, in cooperation with the Israeli Museum and the Canadian Embassy.

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Fri: 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. (Library: 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.) Sat: 10 a.m. — 1 p.m. (only the new buildings, entrance free); 7-11 p.m.

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Who's to blame for Egged?

THE EGGED strike has prompted wild acts and wild words. The busmen have claimed there is no strike but rather a stoppage due to lack of funds. Yet they have seen fit to try and persuade the Dan cooperative to join the strike and to disrupt the alternative transport arrangements which the Ministry of Transport set up. This in turn led on Friday to angry and violent acts by frustrated forced pedestrians, whose very vehemence should cause the Egged Management to ponder why and how it has been so successful in alienating the public.

The public's resentment against the cooperative is the fruit of years of victimization by a monopoly which has seemed intent on persuading its customers that they count for very little.

Armed with the findings of the Golomb Committee, the Knesset Finance Committee felt free therefore to block Egged's attempt to get still more public funds without a commitment to put its own house in order. The Committee was aware that the public would be behind it and not the bus company.

Yet it is too easy to blame everything on Egged, for the Government, and especially the Transport Ministry, has over the years played an essential role in making Egged what it is.

Even today the Ministry does not have an up to date and complete Egged balance sheet. The Golomb Committee itself based its report on old figures, and no outsiders can know Egged's real financial situation because the cooperative does not supply the necessary information.

But it is also true that the Ministry has never exercised its power to get at this information. Not even the State Controller has examined the books, although by law he is empowered to inspect the records of companies that receive large government subsidies or investments.

Moreover, it may be too much to expect Egged members voluntarily to relinquish ownership of the affiliated companies, as the Golomb Committee and Knesset committee want. Even if the management agrees, it is questionable whether it can legally compel the members to do so.

The burden for achieving this must lie with the Government and Knesset, who are responsible for regulating monopolies.

Thus while it may be true that nationalization, of the bus service would bring no improvement, and that subsidies cannot be avoided in the field of public transport, what cannot be taken as a guide for action is the record of past governments and Transport Ministers who abdicated responsibility for assuring that the bus monopoly be regulated to serve the interest of the public and not only the cooperative's members.

A gathering of old soldiers

JEWISH war veterans from all over the world are convening in Jerusalem this week on the 30th anniversary of Hitler's defeat. They have chosen to meet here as a gesture of solidarity with Israel.

Their presence recalls the successive wars that have been fought in the present century, to beat back tyranny. The cause that brought these Jewish ex-servicemen to the ordeal of combat was the right of nations to live independently in peace and freedom.

With the current assembly of the Security Council and the imminent calling of the Geneva conference, the above cause is at stake once more. Israel's policy is as old as the hills, to maintain its own national existence safe and secure, behind borders agreed through negotiation.

The attendance of Jews who have fought for the principles they believed in — ex-soldiers both of the Western Allies and the Red Army — underlines the unbending will of the Jewish people all over the world to help make sure that Israel is accepted in perpetuum, as one small nation among many, living at peace with its neighbours.

Dry Bones



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Imposed settlement in Lebanon

DAVAAR, writing of the latest cease-fire in the Lebanon, points out that this settlement "was made possible by the dispatch of P.L.A. units from Syria." Under the settlement, now underwritten by Syria, the paper expects that "the delicate political balance in Lebanon between the Christians and the Moslems will be upset, with Moslem hegemony becoming established. It is too early to say whether the Christian Phalangists do in fact accept the terms," but for Israel one can sense a "feeling of relaxation, both because of the possible end of the slaughter, and in the fact that we did not have to intervene militarily when Syria refrained from doing so."

In the long run the paper fears a huge deficit that has accumulated since the settlement. "But even in the immediate future maximum alertness must be maintained, since it is not clear whether the cease-fire is, in fact, the last one."

HA'ARETZ believes that the confrontation with Egged was unavoidable, because of the demand that the cooperative itself would have to cover part of the accumulated deficit. Part of this deficit is indeed the government's responsibility, but once this is determined, Egged should be made to pay for the rest.

In the interim, as long as the strike continues, everything possible should be done to ensure alternative facilities.

HATZOFI says that a monopolistic concern maintaining an essential service such as public transport must show more respect and consideration for the population requiring its services. "The company thought that by causing disturbances it would compel the public to support it even when the company is in the wrong. But yesterday's events prove that the public is not prepared to give in to Egged."

AL HAMISHMAR demands that the government cover at least a part of the huge deficit that has accumulated since the settlement. "But even in the immediate future maximum alertness must be maintained, since it is not clear whether the cease-fire is, in fact, the last one."

THE SOVIET UNION'S armed thrust into Angola poses a potential danger not only to the free and orderly development of the African continent, but to the peace and stability of the entire world. But it must be viewed in the proper context, and in historical perspective.

The enterprise in Angola — the sending of 5,000 regular Cuban troops in addition to heavy quantities of modern arms and ammunition in aid of the so-called Marxist MPLA faction — climaxes a whole series of Soviet interventions executed all over Africa, mostly in cooperation, though sometimes in competition with like-minded Arab governments. Suffice to recall here the bombing of Biafra during the Nigerian civil war, by Egyptian planes flying Soviet aircraft; the rescue of the military dictatorship in Congo-Brazzaville by Cuban troops dispatched on Soviet orders; and the massive Soviet military aid to Uganda, following Idi Amin's seizure of power in 1972.

The irony of all these interventions is that they were carried out under the slogan of battling western imperialism, and that they all met with very little, if any, resistance on the part of the West.

In this sense, too, history is only repeating itself in Angola these days.

The MPLA's victory over its western-oriented adversaries in the FNLA and UNITA is virtually a foregone conclusion, and it seems that only a miracle could now save Angola from becoming an outright Soviet colony — or, in the European parlance, a Soviet satellite. The example of Angola could, moreover, serve as a warning to other African nations that they would do better to hop on the Soviet bandwagon than be crushed by it while helplessly awaiting the arrival of American aid.

Several important advantages would accrue to the Soviets from Angola's annexation to their orbit. Without jeopardizing détente, they would be winning a firm political foothold in Africa: they would be acquiring control over a valuable strategic area, with great potentialities for military bases; and they would be gaining access to a vast and, according to some accounts,

The Russian gamble in Angola may pay off in the short run, but in the long run the Kremlin may be in trouble as a result, writes DR. MIKHAIL AGURSKY.



Soviet-backed MPLA soldiers with new B-40 rocket launchers and rifles march through Luanda. (AP radiophoto)

fabulously rich source of raw materials. (Next to the Soviets the main beneficiaries of such annexation would be the Arabs, who may expect to win a fresh recruit to their already overblown UN majority, and a new ally in their effort to draw attention away from the real threat of the "progressive" brand of imperialism by focusing on the bogey of "racist" Zionism.)

IN THE SHORT RUN, then, the Soviets could rightly count themselves quite happy with the results of their Angolan adventure. But in the long run some disturbing questions are certain to arise for

them. As the Arabs have already discovered, to their chagrin, it is easier to buy an African politician than to keep him bought. African demands are large, and they are growing, while the Arabs, even the oil-rich among them, are not eager to part with their earnings except to purchase arms and luxuries for their own use. The Kremlin may find itself in a similar predicament vis-a-vis any African government it has taken in tow.

Thus the acquisition of Angola is liable to prove a dreadfully expensive pleasure for the Soviet Union. Affluent as this former Portuguese colony may be underground, its

systematic development, especially if carried out on the Soviet model, would require massive doses of annual assistance. Soviet taxpayers, who are well aware how much Cuba has cost them in the past, may be less than overjoyed to see their hard-earned economic achievements drained off to support some far-away Cuban conquest for the greater glory of the world revolution.

The Soviets may, of course, benefit from Angola's ample natural resources. But the Angolans will soon find that the West is a far better customer for their produce than the Soviet Union, and then it would be extremely difficult to keep them in

the Kremlin's political grip. The means of exercising direct control by the Soviets in a distant country such as Angola would have to be military means. But the only real troops to maintain "law and order" Soviet-style would have to be the Angolan war itself has exclusively shown — non-African troops. (Although there is a black population in Cuba, many Cuban soldiers fighting in Angola have been white. Apparently blacks were not considered reliable enough.) The explosive effect of regular white police forces in a black country which has just won independence from white rule can easily be imagined.

In the end, the Angolan conquest may become an intolerable burden for the Soviet Union. There will be very little profit in it, but the Union may feel that it cannot afford to lose face — therefore it will simply have to pull out in the end.

Which brings us to what is perhaps the single most disturbing question about the Soviet gamble in Angola: Were all the factors carefully weighed and considered before the Kremlin decided to airlift its proxies to fight Holden Roberto Jonas Savimbi? We cannot of course be entirely sure of the right answer. But it may be suggested that the decision was less the product of range planning by teams of experts and more the result of a violent outburst of activity by an ideologically oriented group within leadership. The success of Angolan operations, it may be thought, would not only brighten Communist Party's image outside of the Congress next month, it would also guarantee the group's own claim to an expanded position in the Party.

The Soviet politicians who tried the Angolan operation did pause to learn the lesson America's war in Vietnam, that even a super-power can get engendered itself by an intense overextension of its resources.

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Rabin and sensibilities at the White House

Premier Rabin will be facing a testy, defensive President Ford during his visit to Washington.

By CHARLES FENYVESI

WASHINGTON — The concept of "balance" will figure prominently during the forthcoming American visit of Israeli Premier Rabin. The Ford Administration does not want to be accused of having given a warmer welcome to adversary-turned-ally Sadat than to Rabin, a quasi-ally with whom there have been some recent disputes.

Rabin's visit here offers a good opportunity to remind Americans and Israelis — and Arabs — of the traditional bonds of ideology and sentiment that link the two nations and which go beyond the exigencies of this or that diplomatic initiative. There is a possibility that fast-moving events in Lebanon might turn the meetings here into coordinating sessions to avert disaster. The experience of successful cooperation in the 1970 Jordanian civil war will doubtless be recalled, as well as Rabin's personal role — much praised here at the time — in his numerous top-level consultations in the White House, State Department and the Pentagon.

Rabin will nevertheless face a testy, defensive American president — not the relentlessly genial Jerry Ford he used to know during his five years as Israel's ambassador in Washington. Rabin will also be contending with shades from the past: Ford's recollection of Rabin as a diplomat not afraid of exercising his influence in American presidential politics and Ford's disappointment in early 1975 with Rabin not making good his promises about the terms for a second interim agreement in Sinai.

Now that Ford is facing a Congress that often defies him, it irritates him that Israel always seems to be able to get what it wants from Congress. And Ford, a creature of Congress, is just as furious with Congress asserting itself in foreign policy as Kissinger, who is commonly accused of ignoring the constitutional role of Congress and riding roughshod over its sensitivities.

Sentiments toward the U.S. Congress at the highest levels of the Ford Administration are comparable to feelings of Israelis these days about the UN General Assembly.

But what galls Ford is his vulnerability. Some of his closest advisers have come to believe that he will be defeated — perhaps even before the elections, at primaries or the Republican nominating convention.

Ford, a politician, can only disagree with that view publicly and

privately, but he is beginning to feel like his predecessor: surrounded by enemies getting ready to run him down. Of course, the degree of paranoia in Ford and Nixon is different, but so are the passions of their enemies and the magnitude of the threatened humiliation.

Ford will bristle at the slightest hint that in case of disagreement, Israel may appeal over his head to the American public. He will react in a similar way to any intimation that Israel might resist America's Mideast plan, which he regards as the only alternative to a war and an oil embargo.

Developments in Lebanon might cause some adjustments in the American diplomatic scenario, particularly on the Palestinian issue. But the basic desire of wanting to come to terms with the PLO over a Palestinian future will not change — and Rabin is certain to be at the receiving end of much blunt advice on that score.

Any suggestion by Rabin to slow down the momentum of America's Mideast peace initiative is bound to anger Ford as much as Kissinger. In their view, these past few months, Rabin has been pursuing a policy of challenging the Ford Administration in the belief that Kissinger has been reduced to a pitiful helpless giant and in the conviction that Ford will not be re-elected.

Both of these assumptions have a great deal of validity — and that is precisely why policies based on those assumptions generate so much emotional heat in the White House and State Department.

READERS' LETTERS

CURIOUS CHOICE OF TIMING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — One cannot help being surprised and annoyed that the new TV series, "The Onedin Line," is shown at the absurd time of 11:10 till midnight. It promises to be an excellent and original series with all the ingredients that appeal to young and old — adventure, romance, comedy, good characterization, and it is beautifully photographed. Moreover, it is a healthy series.

The hero is ambitious, hardworking and enterprising. We are also spared the usual violence, rape, drugs and car chases that continually clutter the small screen. "The Onedin Line" could show our youngsters some positive values. Why then is it relegated to this late hour, whilst those tired old productions like "Hawaii 5-0" with their boring and repetitious plots are shown early in the evening, to say nothing of the equally deadly "Morked"? AVIVA EVEN-PAZ

Jerusalem, January 8.

PENFRIEND

LEZI TEARS of P.O. Box 5612, Limbe, Malawi, would like to have Israeli penfriends.

DANGER OF CREEPING CENSORSHIP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Today, censorship covers news on military affairs, oil, immigration, foreign loans and the deliberations of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Censorship is now proposed for secret communications between governments and meetings between Israeli officials and officials of countries which have no diplomatic relations with Israel.

Tomorrow, censorship may be extended to political and financial affairs and perhaps to affairs which involve personal freedom and rights. The result would be a censored press and controlled information offices.

Under existing conditions Government already exercises more control on public information than is customary in the free world. Let us not travel any further down the road of censorship lest we lose our freedom of the press.

Personal responsibility and censorship is the answer to the Netanya, January 19.

D. SCHWARTZ

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